

Whitchurch Rambling Club

Minutes of Committee Meeting 9 January 2008

held in The Bell at 8:00pm

Present:

Jeff Geary, Nick Copp, Brian Bent, Vic & Eve Jordan, Richard & Jean Cann, Jean Watts, Julie & Charles Roach

Apologies from Sue Reynolds, Christine Geary

NOTE: ACTIONS ARE IN **BOLD UNDERLINED**

1. Christmas Dinner

Eve reported that The White Hart would provide a 3 meat Carvery (beef, pork and ham) with all the trimmings with a vegetarian alternative, apple pie with custard and cream and 3 cold deserts at the Gill Nethercott centre on 23 February for £12.50 per head. It was decided to charge £15 per head and include a drink, some nibbles, cheese & biscuits and some port or brandy.

Julie and Charles would be unable to attend on that date so Jean and Eve would see if a later date could be arranged. **They would let Nick know** by Saturday afternoon so that the invitations could be printed in a timely manner.

2. Walks Programme

Further to comments from members that they would prefer more local walks Nick had produced a draft list of walks and explained that they were selected on the basis of 1 All the walks starting at Bell Street, 2 Other walks we do every year, 3 Other walks with the shortest driving distance but which were not done the previous year.

It was decided that we would remove 2 walks from our repertoire because they involved obtaining permission to walk on private paths and such permission had not been granted for some time. Namely Freefolk via Harroway/Southington and Bell St Car Park via Tufton & The Cleeves. It was also decided to remove Bell St Car Park via Tufton Warren/Firgo because it involved crossing the A34 which was now too dangerous.

Vic presented 2 new walks, namely Overton Heritage Trail and Longparish Riverdance, and Brian suggested that the new Hurstbourne Priors path should be open in time to walk this year. We decided to call this the Mystery Walk and to do Pot Bottom instead if it is not possible.

The following programme of Wednesday walks was agreed:

Date	Start/Finish	Via	Boots	Km	Leader	Ref
02/04/08	Bell St Car Park	Old Railway/Sheepcrook	1	4.0	JG	39
09/04/08	Bell St Car Park	Tufton	1	4.1	CG	45
16/04/08	Bell St Car Park	The Mills	3	6.6	BB	44
23/04/08	Overton	Heritage Trail			VJ	56
30/04/08	Micheldever Wood	Micheldever Wood	2	5.7	RC	17
07/05/08	Bell St Car Park	Southfield Farm	3	6.8	JG	41
14/05/08	Andover Down	Harewood Forest	4	7.6	CR	1
21/05/08	St Mary Bourne	Middle Wyke	3	6.4	RC	26
28/05/08	Bell St Car Park	Down Farm/Dirty Corner	4	8.3	VJ	36
04/06/08	Bell St Car Park	Cole Henley	4	8.6	JG	34
11/06/08	Stoke	Ridges Copse	3	7.3	BB	28

18/06/08	Bell St Car Park	Cowdown Copse	5	9.0	RC	35
25/06/08	St Mary Bourne	Binley	4	8.0	BB	25
02/07/08	Bell St Car Park	Laverstoke & Harroway	3	6.0	JG	38
09/07/08	Bell St Car Park	Mystery Walk	5	11.0	BB	57
16/07/08	Bell St Car Park	Bere Mill/Freefolk	5	9.2	VJ	32
23/07/08	Bell St Car Park	Chalcot Farm	5	8.9	BB	33
30/07/08	Longparish	Riverdance			VJ	58
06/08/08	Sutton Scotney	Wonston & Hunton	3	7.0	RC	29
13/08/08	Bell St Car Park	Down Farm/Larksbarrow	4	8.0	RC	37
20/08/08	Bell St Car Park	Wells-in-the-Field	3	7.3	JG	48
27/08/08	Carnarvon Arms	Burghclere	2	5.0	BB	54
03/09/08	Beacon Hill	Beacon Hill	3	2.1	CR	2
10/09/08	Bell St Car Park	The Hangings/Bere Mill	2	5.5	CR	42
17/09/08	Bell St Car Park	The Lynch	2	4.6	BB	43

With the AGM at the town hall on September 24 at 8:00pm.

3. Summer Party

Jean kindly offered her premises again and **will give Nick a date** which will probably be in early July.

4. Walking Weekend

It was agreed that although The White Hart Inn had been 'brilliant' for the last 2 years we should do something different this year. We need a bigger venue as there would not have been room for everyone who might have come last year – at least 12 couples. **Everyone interested** should investigate venues within a 2 hour drive and report back at the next meeting.

5. Date of Next Meeting

Nick would email a draft of the Newsletter for comment so the purpose of the next meeting would be to organise the Summer Party. No date was fixed.

6. AOB

Graham Burgess was invited to present his plans for the water meadow which apparently required some input from ourselves. **Brian and Vic volunteered** to provide him with details of interesting local walks as requested.

The meeting closed at 21:37.